

## Andrew Jackson to Anthony Butler, October 19, 1829, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### TO COLONEL ANTHONY BUTLER.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Univ. of Texas, Butler Papers.

Confidential

Washington, October 19, 1829.

*My Dear Sir,* On the eve of the departure of our messenger to Mexico with the dispatches referred to in my private and confidential letter to you of the 10th inst, Mr. Montoya<sup>2</sup> has communicated to us a request from the President of Mexico, couched in the most friendly terms, for the recall of Mr. Poinsett. This, on a full view of the whole subject, we have determined to gratify. Mr. Poinsett under existing circumstances could not possibly effect the object we have in view and as these are no doubt with him as they are with us paramount to any private feeling, we have accordingly by the messenger requested his recall and you will of course enter upon the high and important duties which have been embraced in the previous instructions to Mr. Poinsett, and those which will be borne by the messenger on this occasion. That you may be well known to President Guerrero, I have enclosed to you a letter to him unsealed, which you will please after reading, seal and deliver on your introduction in your official character as charge de affaires.

<sup>2</sup> José Maria Montoya, chargé d'affaires for Mexico, 1828–1830, and again 1831–1833.

With this introduction, and the hints contained in my letter of the 10th, I confide much in you[r] ability to conduct the negotiation for the purchase of Texas, which is very

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important to the harmony and peace of the two republics. Unless we obtain that territory we shall be in constant danger of the jealousy which the nature of its population is so well calculated to create. Its inhabitants will make an effort to set up a free Government the moment they have the power, and we shall be charged with aiding this movement altho all our constitutional powers may be employed to prevent it. Keep these consideration[s] constantly in view, and if Mexico *understands well* her true interest, they will prevail

You know the confidence I repose in you, and I am sure that you will endeavor to merit a continuation of it.

Your friend, and obt. sert.